Shortage of hospitals in Delhi

1978. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of hospitals in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether some of the hospitals have not been adhering to the percentage fixed for free treatment of people living Below Poverty Line in each hospital;

(c) whether a large number of people have to go to private hospitals due to shortage of beds in Government hospitals;

(d) whether people from outside are finding it more difficult to get the treatment in Government hospitals; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Posting of doctors in villages

†1979. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that villages are in dire need of doctors;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to formulate any special scheme to depute doctors in villages; and

(c) if so, the details of the said scheme and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) In an estimated 22842 Primary Health Centres and 3043 Community Health Centres functioning in the country, 29,848 doctors are working. However, a large number of doctors are also reported to be working in rural areas in the private sector.

(b) and (c) Primary Health Care comes under the purview of the State Government. Accordingly, State Governments are responsible for ensuring the availability of doctors in all Health facilities. However, in

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